IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 3 to 5, 8 to 10, 14 to 16 and 19 to 21 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An information managing system ~~including~~ comprising an information managing server for distributing ~~provided~~ information, and a service terminal for ~~exchanging~~ receiving the distributed information ~~with~~ from said information managing server, ~~comprising:~~

wherein said information managing server comprises:

registration means for registering information to be distributed; ~~and a code representing the information in correspondence with each other,~~ and

setting means for setting valid dates of the information registered by said registration means at said service terminal,

and said service terminal ~~having~~ comprises:

reception means for receiving the registered information from the information managing server;

storage means for storing the registered information received by the reception means;

~~communication means for communicating with said terminal, and~~

~~display means for displaying the information distributed by said information managing server~~

determination means for determining whether the information stored by said storage means is printed or not at the service terminal; and

notification means for providing notification information to a communication terminal of a user who uses said service terminal, wherein the notification

information is based on a result of said determination by said determination means and based on the set valid dates.

2. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said registration means registers the information to be distributed and a code in correspondence with ~~the code~~ each other, wherein the code includes identification information for identifying a user who uses said service terminal ~~serving~~ as a distribution destination of the information to be distributed.

3. to 5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A control method for an information managing system having an information managing server for distributing ~~provided~~ information, and a service terminal for ~~exchanging~~ receiving the distributed information with the information managing server, comprising:

a registration step of registering information to be distributed in the information managing server ~~and a code representing the information in the information managing server in correspondence with each other~~;

a setting step of setting valid dates at the service terminal of the information registered in the information managing server in the registration step;

a reception step of receiving the registered information by the service terminal from the information managing server;

a storing step of storing the registered information received in the reception step in the service terminal;

a determination step of determining whether the information stored in the storing step is printed or not at the service terminal; and

a notification step of providing notification information to a communication terminal of a user who uses the service terminal, wherein the notification information is based on a result of the determination step and the set valid dates.

~~a communication step of communicating between the information managing server and the terminal; and~~

~~a display step of displaying the information distributed by the information managing server on the terminal.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein the registration step registers the information to be distributed and a code in correspondence with each other, wherein the code includes identification information for identifying a user who uses the service terminal ~~serving~~ as a distribution destination of the information to be distributed.

8. to 10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable memory which stores program codes ~~of~~ for control of an information managing system having an information managing server for distributing ~~provided~~ information, and a service terminal for ~~exchanging~~ receiving the distributed information ~~with~~ from the information managing server, comprising:

a program code of a registration step of registering information to be distributed in the information managing server ~~and a code representing the information in the information managing server in correspondence with each other~~;

a program code of a setting step of setting in the service terminal valid dates of the information registered in the information managing server in the registration step;

a program code of a reception step of receiving by the service terminal the registered information form the information managing server;

a program code of a storing step of storing in the service terminal the registered information received in the reception step;

a program code of a determination step of determining whether the information stored in the storing step is printed or not at the service terminal; and

a program code of a notification step of providing notification information to a communication terminal of a user who uses the service terminal, wherein the notification information is based on a result of the determination step and the set valid dates.

~~a program code of a communication step of communicating between the information managing server and the terminal; and~~

~~a program code of a display step of displaying the information distributed by the information managing server on the terminal.~~

12. (Currently Amended) An information managing apparatus for distributing ~~provided~~ information, comprising:

registration means for registering information to be distributed; ~~and a code representing the information in correspondence with each other; and~~

setting means for setting valid dates of the information registered by said registration means;

distribution means for distributing the registered information to a service terminal to be stored in a storage means of said service terminal;

determination means for determining whether the information stored by said storage means is printed or not at said service terminal; and

notification means for providing notification information to a communication terminal of a user who uses said service terminal, wherein the notification

information is based on a result of the determination by the determination means and the set valid dates.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said registration means registers the information to be distributed and a ~~the~~ code in correspondence with each other, wherein the code includes identification information for identifying a user who uses said service terminal as a distribution destination of the information to be distributed.

14. to 16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A control method for an information managing apparatus for distributing ~~provided~~ information, comprising:

a registration step of registering information to be distributed ~~and a code representing the information in a storage medium in correspondence with each other; and~~

a setting step of setting valid dates of the information registered in the ~~storage medium in the~~ registration step;

a distribution step of distributing the registered information to a service terminal to be stored in a storage means of the service terminal;

a determination step of determining whether the information stored by the storage means is printed or not at the service terminal; and

a notification step of providing notification information to a communication terminal of a user who uses the service terminal, wherein the notification information is based on a result of the determination step and the set valid dates.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, wherein the registration step registers the information to be distributed and a code in correspondence

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with each other, wherein the code includes identification information for identifying a user
who uses the service terminal as a distribution destination of the information to be
distributed.

19. to 21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable memory which stores
program codes of a control program of an information managing apparatus for distributing
provided information, comprising:

a program code of a registration step of registering information to be
distributed and a code representing the information in a storage medium in correspondence
with each other; and

a program code of a setting step of setting valid dates of the information
registered in the storage medium in the registration step;

a program code of a distribution step of distributing the registered
information to a service terminal to be stored in a storage means of the service terminal;

a program code of a determination step of determining whether the
information stored by the storage means is printed or not at the service terminal; and

a program code of a notification step of providing notification information
to a communication terminal of a user who uses the service terminal, wherein the
notification information is based on a result of the determination step and the set valid
dates.

23. (New) An information managing system comprising an information
managing server for distributing information, and a service terminal for receiving the
distributed information from said information managing server,

wherein said information managing server comprises:

registration means for registering information to be distributed;

setting means for setting valid dates of the information registered by said registration means at said service terminal;

determination means for determining whether the information stored by storage means is printed or not at the service terminal; and

notification means for providing notification information to a communication terminal of a user who uses said service terminal, wherein the notification information is based on the set valid dates and a determination result of said determination means,

and wherein said service terminal comprises:

reception means for receiving the registered information from the information managing server; and

storage means for storing the registered information received by reception means.

24. (New) The system according to claim 1, wherein said registration means registers the information to be distributed and a code in correspondence with each other, wherein the code includes identification information for identifying a user who uses said service terminal as a distribution destination of the information to be distributed.